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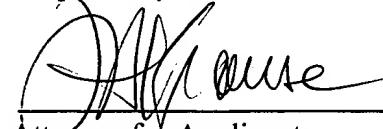
This is to acknowledge that, in the above-identified Office Action, all of the pending claims have been allowed, except for Claims 22-24. By this response, however, independent Claims 22 and 24 have been amended to include the patentable limitations of allowed Claim 1. Accordingly, those claims, as well as dependent Claim 23 are now allowable for the same reasons as Claim 1.

Further in this regard, allowable Claims 13, 31, 39, and 41 have been amended to overcome typographical errors.

For these reasons it is believed that all of the claims are allowable, and the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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